OIPE VCTGS

PTO/SB/21 (08-03) Approved for use through 07/31/2006, OMB 0651-0031 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperw are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Application Number 10/678,728 TRANSMITTAL Filing Date October 3, 2003 FORM First Named Inventor Robert C. Lam Art Unit (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing) Examiner Name Attorney Docket Number Total Number of Pages in This Submission 01132/BW01032 **ENCLOSURES** (Check all that apply) After Allowance communication Fee Transmittal Form Drawing(s) to Group Appeal Communication to Board Fee Attached Licensing-related Papers of Appeals and Interferences Appeal Communication to Group Amendment/Reply Petition (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) Petition to Convert to a After Final Provisional Application Proprietary Information Power of Attorney, Revocation Affidavits/declaration(s) Change of Correspondence Address Status Letter Other Enclosure(s) (please Extension of Time Request Terminal Disclaimer Identify below): Express Abandonment Request Request for Refund Return Postcard Information Disclosure Statement CD, Number of CD(s) Remarks Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT Firm Catherine B. Martineau, Esq. Individual name Signature Date CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with the date shown below. EXPRESS MAIL EV 325384888 US Typed or printed name Kathy A. Hower Signature 2/23/04 Hower

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



01132/BW01032

IN THE UNITED STATES	PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Patent application	
of	
	Inventor(s)
for	Title of Invention
	THE OF HIVEHIOT
the specification of which is being tra	ansmitted herewith
·	OR
In re application of: Robert C.	Lam :
Application No.: 010 /678,728	Group No.:
	Examiner:
For: HIGH PERFORMANCE, DURABLI	
BEBOSIT FRICTION MATERIA	L ·
Assistant Commissioner for Patents	
Washington, D.C. 20231	
INFORMATION	DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
	·
(When using Express Mail, th	DER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10*  le Express Mail label number is mandatory;  ail certification is optional.)
hereby certify that, on the date shown below,	this correspondence is being:
	MAILING
deposited with the United States Postal Ser	vice in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner
for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)	37 C.F.R. § 1.10*
with sufficient postage as first class mail.	X as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee"
,	
· T5	RANSMISSION
transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and T	rademark Office.
	Lasky a. Hower
	Signature A
ate: 2/23/04	
	Kathy A. Hower
	(type or print name of person certifying)
	(Information Disclosure Statement [6-1]—page 1 of 6)

- NOTE: "An information disclosure statement shall be considered by the Office if filed by the applicant within any one of the following time periods: (1) Within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under § 1.53(d); (2) Within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an international application; (3) Before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits; or (4) Before the mailing date of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114." 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). NOTE: "Each individual associated with the filling and prosecution of a patent application has a duty of candor and good faith in dealing with the Office, which includes a duty to disclose to the Office all information known to that individual to be material to patentability as defined in this section." 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a). "Individuals associated with the filing or prosecution of a patent application within the meaning of this section are: (1) each inventor named in the application; (2) each attorney or agent who prepares or prosecutes the application; and (3) every other person who is substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application and who is associated with the inventor, with the assignee or with anyone to whom there is an obligation to assign the application." 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c). NOTE: The "duty as described in § 1.56 will be met so long as the information in question was cited by the Office or submitted to the Office in the manner prescribed by §§ 1.97(b)-(d) and 1.98 before issuance of the patent." Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13 -25 at 17. WARNING: "No information disclosure statement may be filed in a provisional application." 37 C.F.R. § 1.51(d). List of Sections Forming Part of This Information Disclosure Statement The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement: (check sections forming a part of this statement: discard unused sections and number pages consecutively) X 1. Preliminary Statements 2. FORMS PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly FORM PTO-1449) 3.  $\Box$ Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited 4. and for Which No Coples Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted 5. Cumulative Patents or Publications Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement 6.

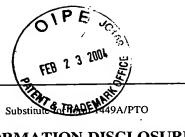
(Information Disclosure Statement [6-1]—page 2 of \_\_\_\_\_\_)

## Section 1. Preliminary statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information, of which they are aware that they believe may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner. Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25, at 25.



## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet	 of	

Complete if Known	
Application Number	10/678,728
Filing Date	October 3, 2003
First Named Inventor	Robert C. Lam
Group Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	01132/BW01032

-	U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
	140.	NumberKind Code (if known)			or Relevant 1 igures Appear	
		US- 4,451,590	05/20/1984	Fujimaki et al.		
	1	US- 4,524,169	06/18/1985	Wolff et al.		
	T .	US- 4,700,823	10/20/1987	Winckler		
	1	US- 5,083,650	01/28/1992	Seiz et al.		
		US- 5,395,864	03/07/1995	Miyoshi et al.		
		US- 5,585,166	12/17/1996	Kearsey		
	1.	US- 5,646,076	07/18/1997	Bortz		
		US- 5,662,993	09/27/1997	Winckler		
		US- 5,707,905	01/13/1998	Lam et al.		
	1	US- 5,753,356	. 05/19/1998	Lam et al.	-	
		US- 5,816,901	10/06/1998	Sirany		
		US- 5,856,244	01/05/1999	Lam et al.		
		US- 5,858,883	01/12/1999	Lam et al.		
		US- 5,952,249	09/14/1999	Gibson et al.		
		US- 5,958,507	09/28/1999	Lam et al.		
-		US- 5,965,659	10/12/1999	Smith et al.		
		US- 5,989,375	11/23/1999	Bortz		
		US- 5,989,390	11/23/1999	Lee		
	1	US- 5,998,307	12/07/1999	Lam et al.		

	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document  Country Code-Number-Kind Code (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Т	
						<del> </del>	

Examiner		Date	
Signature	,	Considered	

				Complete if Known			
	Substitute for fort	m 1449A	/PTO	Application Number	10/678,728		
7	INFORMATION	DISC	LOSURE	Filing Date	October 3, 2003		
	STATEMENT BY			First Named Inventor	Robert C. Lam		
				Group Art Unit			
	(Use as many shee	ts as nec	essary)	Examiner Name			
Sheet		of		Attorney Docket Number	01132/BW01032		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Cite			Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passage	
11111111111	Initials No. NumberKind Code (if known)	ind Code (if known)			or Relevant Figures Appea	
		US-	6,001,750	12/14/1999	Lam	
		US-	6,130,176	10/10/2000	Lam	
		US-	6,194,059	02/27/2001	Yesnik	
		US-	6,291,040	09/18/2001	Moriwaki et al.	
		US-	6,352,758	03/05/2002	Huang et al.	
	1	US-	6,387,531	05/14/2002	Bi et al.	
	<u> </u>	US-	6,601,321	08/05/2003	Kendall	
	1	US-	6,630,416 B1	10/07/2003	Lam et al.	
		US-	10/234,976	09/04/2002	Chen et al.	
		US-	10/233,318	08/30/2002	Chen et al.	
		US-	10/218,019	08/13/2002	Lam et al.	
	<del>                                     </del>					
	-	-				
	$\vdash$					
	+-	<u> </u>				

	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document  Country Code-Number-Kind Code (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Т
						-
						+
			<del> </del>			+

		<del>,</del>
Examiner	Date	
Signature	Considered	

## Section 10. Identification of Person(s) Making This Information Disclosure Statement

The person making this statement is

(check each applicable item)

OIPE	УС <b>7</b> 00 (а)		the inventor(s) who	signs below
( CEB 2 3	2004 33	•		SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR
SPIENT & TR	- WET			(type name of inventor who is signing)
& TR	(b)			ted with the filing and prose- ation (37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c))
		•		SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR
				(type name of inventor who is signing)
	(c)	$\langle \chi \rangle$	the practitioner who sthe information:	signs below on the basis of
		•	(check	k each applicable Item)
	₩.		☑ supplied by	the inventor(s).
				an Individual associated with the filing and prosecution cation. (37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c))
			☑ in the practit	tioner's file.
				SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER
	Reg. No.:	31	,854	Catherine B. Martineau
	Tel. No.: (4	19)	243-1294	(type or print name of practitioner)
	Customer 1			3800 Automation Drive, Suite 100 P.O. Address
				Auburn Hills, MI 48326

(Information Disclosure Statement—Section 10. Identification of Person(s) Making This Information Disclosure Statement [6-1]—page \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_)